GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes sponsored/undertaken by the Department of Sports to promote sports in the North Eastern Region (NER);

(b) the number of sports persons from NER who represented at National and International levels in various sports events;

(c) the total outlay, allocation and achievement made during the last three years; and

(d) the initiatives, if any, taken by the Government for the promotion of some selected games in which sports persons from NER have an upper hand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) 'Sports' is a State subject and promotion of the same at State level is mainly the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, the Government of India through various Schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI) , augments of the efforts of the State Government in promotion of sports for improving sports performances at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior level.

At present SAI is implementing the following schemes for promotion and development of sports in the North Eastern Region :-

National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
Dony Polo Vidya Bhavan, Itanagar
Don Bosco HS, Guwahati
Sainik School, Imphal, Manipur
Anthony's H.S. Shillong
Indigenous Games & martial Arts
Ramswrup Agarwal Memorial English School, Assam
Bal Vidya Mandir, Vill & PO Dhobal, Manipur
Novodaya Vidyalayas
Novodaya Vidyalaya, Kadmani, Distt. Sonipur, Assam
Novodaya Vidyalaya, Khumbong, Langjing, Distt., Imphal
Novodaya Vidyalaya, Zuketsa, Distt. Phek, Nagaland
Navodaya Vidyalaya, Distt.Lohit, Arunachal Pradesh
JNV, Ranija, District Kamrup
JNV, Lokak Distt. Bishnupur
Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
58 GTC, Shillong, Meghalaya
Special Area Games (SAG)
Aizwal, Imphal, Agartala, Namchi, Naharlagon & Utlov
SAI Training Centre (STC)
Dimapur, Imphal, Shillong, Golaghat & Guwahati
Centre of Excellence (COX)
Imphal

In addition to above, following schemes are also implemented by SAI on behalf of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports:

1. All India Rural Sports Tournament

2. National Sports Festival for Women

3. North East Sports Festival (North Eastern States only)

4. Promotion of Sports & Games in School

5. Sports Scholarship Scheme

Under the North East Sports Festival Scheme, North East Region level festival is organized every year in the North Eastern States.
(b) The number of medals won by the sports persons from various Centres of SAI in North East region in national and international levels in various sports events during the last three years 2002-03 to 2004-05 are as under:-

National			International		
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze
661	432	470	37	12	26

(c) The total budget allocation for the North East Region under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 was Rs. 29.51 crore, Rs. 31.00 crore and Rs. 36.11 crore respectively.

(d) SAI has taken initiatives for promotion of sport in the North Eastern Region by establishing a Regional Centre at Imphal and a Sub −Centre at Guwahati. Taking into consideration the genetic advantage of the Mongoloid origin of the population, contact Sports Centres have been established in Imphal and Aizwal for games like Judo, Boxing, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Karate & Taekwando. Talent is also scouted in Archery from these States and talented youngsters are trained for excellence.